

#1 GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. From Giant Forest Museum to Wuksachi and back, with 3 stops along the way. About 35 minutes' ride one way. Buses depart each stop every 20 minutes. Through 9/1.

STOPS	HEADING TO GIANT FOREST	HEADING TO WUKSACHI
• Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point	-	1st bus: 9:20 am Last bus: 6:00 pm
• Lower Sherman Tree accessible - trail Parking with disabled-placard only	1st bus: 9:45 am Last bus: 6:45 pm	1st bus: 9:30 am Last bus: 6:10pm
• Upper Sherman Tree - Main Trail & Parking Park here to walk down to tree.	1st bus: 9:40 am Last bus: 6:40 pm	1st bus: 9:35 am Last bus: 6:15 pm
• Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market, Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)	1st bus: 9:30 am Last bus: 6:30 pm	1st bus: 9:50 am Last bus: 6:30 pm
• Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge	1st bus: 9:20 am Last bus: 6:20 pm	-

#2 MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes; stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. 15-minute ride one way. Through 9/1.

STOPS	HEADING TO CRESCENT MDW	HEADING TO GIANT FOREST
• Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point	1st bus: 9:30 am Last bus: 5:30 pm	-
• Moro Rock Description below.	1st bus: 9:37 am Last bus: 5:37 pm	-
• Crescent Meadow Description below.	-	1st bus: 9:43 am Last bus: 5:43 pm

GIANT FOREST-TO-VISALIA ROUTE: \$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or www.sequoiashuttle.com. Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 7am, 8am, 9am, & 1pm. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia on the hour from 2:30pm through 6:30pm through 9/1.



SEE SEQUOIA BY SHUTTLE!



GIANT FOREST

Review safety tips on page 5. Take the Sequoia Shuttle system (above) to visit many of these sites.

GIANT FOREST MUSEUM

The best place to learn about sequoias! Shuttle stop 5/21-9/1.

BIG TREES TRAIL

A level, 2/3-mile (1 km) loop with colorful trailside panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum; parking at the trail is only for cars with placards.) 1 hour round trip.

GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:

Two trails run to the world's largest tree. The shuttle stops at the beginning of each:

- **Main trail at Upper Sherman** (with a large parking lot), runs 1/2 mile down to the tree and has some stairs. It is an uphill walk back to your car. Drive two miles (3.2 km) north of Giant Forest

Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot for those with *disabled* placards only) to Wolverton Road. Turn right, then follow signs. If you can walk down but the walk back up is too difficult, through 9/1 you can continue from the tree down to the shuttle stop on the Generals Highway, and ride the *northbound* shuttle (toward Wuksachi) back to your car.

- **Wheelchair accessible trail at Lower Sherman** has parking for those with *disabled* placards only. If you don't have a placard but can't make the walk down the main trail, ask at any visitor center for a temporary permit or, through 9/1, take the shuttle.

CONGRESS TRAIL: A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) through the heart of the grove. Begins at the Sherman Tree.

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW

No drinking water is available along this 3-mile (5 km), dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. Through 9/1, take a shuttle to see it. Until then, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited – except those with valid disabled-parking placards displayed. Highlights include:

MORO ROCK: A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

TUNNEL LOG: A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only “tree you can drive through” in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

CRESCENT MEADOW: Summer wildflowers in a fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 feet /4417 m, the highest peak in the 48 states). Shuttle stop.

NEARBY TRAILS

TOKOPAH FALLS: 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the

Kaweah River, ending at granite cliffs and a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500 foot/152 m elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

THE FOOTHILLS

The Sierra's lower elevations offer more different kinds of plants and animals than the conifer forests or highcountry. Watch for ticks and poison oak (see page 5 for safety tips).

HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC

AREA: Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

MARBLE FALLS TRAIL climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a lovely cascade. Park near site #14 at Potwisha Campground. Take the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

PARADISE CREEK: At Buckeye Flat Campground, follow the footpath across from site #26 and the footbridge over the Middle Fork. The trail follows Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) before growing faint.

MINERAL KING

See page 8 for information.